

A message from the Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools.



CHPS WEEKLY

District News for the week ending June 14, 2019

Ribbon Cuttings and Recognitions

WE unveiled two exciting completed construction projects this week, celebrating the progress in improving our safety and security District wide.

In this season of celebrations, it was my great pleasure this week to join the amazing groups of people who helped major improvements to two of our school buildings come to fruition. On Tuesday, June 11, the administration, staff and students at Thomas Paine Elementary welcomed me and many guests from the community, including members of the Cherry Hill Police and Fire Departments, members of the architecture and engineering teams we contract with, and members of our own District administration and Board of Education, to the ribbon cutting that officially opened the new entry/security suite constructed at the school. This project, and a similar one completed at Woodcrest Elementary School, has been years in the making. It was wonderful to be able to thank in person so many of the folks who were instrumental in the completion of the construction. These two buildings each now possess a light and bright entrance with swipe card locks, a secure entryway/office suite for guest management, sensor alerts for propped doors, an interior/exterior school-wide camera system, and exterior blue strobe-light lockdown notification!

WE look forward to continued progress on our building upgrades during the summer. Be sure to stay connected with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elementary Moving Up Ceremonies

(For schools that have them)

ALL ON JUNE 18

Please consult individual school web sites for details

Early Dismissal Days

June 19, 20 & 21

Please consult individual school web sites for details

Middle School Graduations

ALL ON JUNE 19:

Rosa: 9:30 am, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

Carusi: 10 am, Cherry Hill High School West, Jones Gym

Beck: 1:30 pm, Cherry Hill High School East, DiBart Gym

High School Graduations

BOTH ON JUNE 20:

East: 11:30 am, Liacouras

and [YouTube](#), as we will be posting regular updates with photos/video on our facilities' projects progress, as well as other items of interest. Summer is also a great time to download our free District app if you haven't already. You can customize the app's information delivery according to which schools your children attend and whether you want to keep track of the District as a whole. You may download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

If you have questions about anything going on in the district now or during the summer, please ask us! Remember, the best source of information about the District is the District. Have a question that would be of interest to the larger community? Submit it via our [Quick Question portal](#) for a publicly posted answer!

Amazingly, this is the last weekend before the school year is over! I hope you will use it as an opportunity for your family to catch its collective breath before the excitement of our elementary moving up ceremonies (for those that have them – please consult your school's web site), middle school graduation ceremonies and high school commencements!

I would like to wish a Happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in the District, and to all of those who fulfill the role of "dad" to others. Fatherhood has been my greatest privilege, and I commend my fellow "dads" for all that you do! Be sure to extend a kind word of thanks this weekend to your own dad, or anyone who has been like a dad to you!

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools

"Kindness and politeness are not overrated at all. They're underused." – Tommy Lee Jones

Center, Temple University

West: 4 pm, Liacouras Center,
Temple University

[Last Day of School for Students](#)

June 21

[District Offices Closed](#)

July 4

[BOE Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

July 9

[BOE Action Meeting](#)

July 23



Free Summer Meals Available to Qualifying Students/Families

ATTENTION STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service Program provides free meals when school is out! Who is eligible:

- Children 18 years of age or younger who come to an approved open site or a site to which they are enrolled.
- Adults over the age of 18 years who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities.
- At sites that require enrollment, benefits are available only to children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

HOW TO LOCATE A SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FEEDING SITE: Text FOOD to 877-877 or Summer Meals



Schools Earn Recognition for "Together WE Eat" Food Drive

Four schools were recognized on June 14, 2019 for their contributions to the District wide service learning project, the "Together WE Eat" Food Drive, in which 6,588 pounds of food was collected by nine schools and donated to the Cherry Hill Food Pantry.

Organized by the Zone PTA Character Education Committee in conjunction with the District Cultural Proficiency/Equity/Character Education Committee, "Together WE Eat" fulfilled a need for food during spring, when donations typically diminish post-Thanksgiving and winter holidays, according to Cherry Hill Food Pantry Executive Director Janet Giordano.

Congratulations to winning school Kingston Elementary, for collecting 1,011 pounds of food, and to runners up Kilmer Elementary and Rosa Middle School, for each collecting 1,003 pounds of food. Also recognized was Mann Elementary, for coming up with the winning slogan,



Carusi Students and Teacher Design/Donate Surfboards for Surfers with Disabilities

Congratulations to Carusi Middle School students and teacher Luke Alvarez, who, with input from MossRehab, designed one of two custom surfboards to be used in the August 4 ["They Will Surf Again" event in Wildwood, NJ](#). The surfboards are designed for use by persons with disabilities, and are capable of carry the weight of two riders (a surfer and a volunteer) when necessary.

The project specifically involved the participation of Title I students in creating the artwork, laminated to the surfboard. The student artists interpreted MossRehab's "Challenge Accepted" motto in their artwork.

"This project, has empowered students to

to 97779, or visit the [USDA site finder web site](#).

"Together WE Eat."

research and be a part of change," says Carusi Principal Dr. John Cafagna. "We are grateful for the partnership MossRehab brings to our school, allowing our students to participate in such a rewarding experience."

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